GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF SALT PAN LANDS
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken decision for development of Salt Pan lands in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has shown interest in diverting this land;

(d) if so, the decision of the Union Government in this regard;

(e) the strategy being followed for the development of this land;

(f) whether the Government have received any representation from Members of Parliament in this regard;(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): The Union Government has decided to transfer 5379 acres of surplus Salt Pan lands at Mumbai from the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion to the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation to develop the same in cooperation with the Government of Maharashtra. It has also constituted a group of Ministers to examine the issues relating to utilization of surplus lands.

(f) to (h): Yes Sir. Communication has been received from Shri Kirit Somaiya, Hon`ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)suggesting utilization of salt land for mass housing projects, commercial exploitation, development of public amenities, resettlement of slums and development of marine mangrove part as Eco-tourism environment project. The suggestions made by the Hon`ble Member of Parliament would be kept in view by the Government while finalizing utilization of said surplus lands.